

Dear Parents and Carers

As ever, this half term has been full of adventures and learning. Earlier this month an excited group of Year 7 and 8 pupils set off for an overnight stay at Scout Park in North London. Despite a rainy start to their trip, everyone had a wonderful time. Pupils became 'cadets' and undertook a range of different adventurous and helpful challenges to earn different badges, Scout-style! We are so proud of their fantastic achievements, courageous attitudes (staying away from home for a night) and of how willing everyone was to lend a helping hand!



Becky Jones

I hope that you have had a chance to take a look at our colourful new website. We're posting more 'news' stories as they happen in the 'TreeHouse School News' section – but for the time being, we think a half term newsletter is still a nice way to round up the achievements of each half term, and we know that some of our children enjoy looking back over previous 'editions' whilst at home. We hope that it is now much easier to find information about term dates and upcoming events too. We are still in the process of adding to the content, so do let us know if there is something that would be useful to see on the website that has not been included yet.

Next half term we have a number of important events coming up. We have Parent Talks and lunches preceding each of our Sports Days. In the Parent Talks we will be sharing information about how we will be preparing with you for the transfer of your child's Statement to an Education Health and Care Plan, and also how we will be running person-centred Transfer Review meetings in school. We will be working through some of the person-centred thinking tools that we'll be using with your son or daughter to capture a good understanding of their aspirations, what's important to them, what's important for them and what outcomes they are aiming to achieve. The talk will be followed by a chance to socialise with parents and carers of other children in your child's key stage or 'school' and finally an energetic afternoon of Sport and fun together.

The school-based talks complement the conference that Belinda Blank (Family and Information Support Service Manager) invited you to earlier this week. The conference is being run by Ambitious about Autism in Central London at the St Albans Centre, EC1N 7AB on 29 June. The conference will cover important legal information about the new SEND Code of Practice and the process of transferring from a Statement to an Education Health and Care Plan. We know attending two events is a big commitment, however we hope that you will be able to attend both as between them they cover the legal framework and practicalities of this important change for children and young people with Special Education Needs.

Other events coming up include an Art Exhibition. This is always a wonderful opportunity to share and enjoy our pupils' paintings, sculpture and prints. The exhibition will open on 15 July. We will keep the exhibits displayed for several weeks, so if you aren't able to come for the launch, do try to pop in and see the exhibition if you are here for another reason.

With best wishes for half term.



Scout Park



On Thursday 14 May and Friday 15 May our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils attended a rainy one night residential trip to the Scout Park in Bounds Green. For some of our pupils this was the first time they were staying away from home. To help to support our time at the Scout Park with new and exciting activities, all pupils participated in a Scout Park Cadet challenge where they completed different tasks to earn badges! Our pupils amazed us throughout the entire trip with their spirit and willingness to try new things.

(Allison Knight, Class Teacher)



Thanks for School Visit

On 17 April Janet and I visited the school, which we enjoyed very much. A particular highlight was the Nature Garden which Charlie showed us round.

We were impressed by the garden, the design and the guide notes that Charlie had thoughtfully prepared. Charlie told us lots of information about such things as the compost heap, the bee boxes, the insect house and many more things. He was particularly enthusiastic about the pond dipping area which is under construction.

Charlie patiently answered our questions and allowed time for us to explore the garden. He was happy to accept help and guidance from his support worker.

As we left the garden we were impressed to see Charlie doing some weeding and carefully watering the plants.

Thank you Charlie for helping make our visit enjoyable.

Thea Boshier (Chairman Boshier-Hinton Foundation)



Give me a D-A-N-C-E!

The Performing Arts pupils have been out in the community taking part in dance and cheerleading workshops at The Saracens Sports Foundation – home of the Saracens Rugby Team! The pupils have been travelling up in small groups to the stadium where they have been exploring their skills in dance, sport, cheerleading, choreographing group routines together and accessing one on one support from a really experienced, friendly team.

The pupils were given opportunities to access a variety of materials including the venues specially designed sensory room.



The staff were really great at supporting the needs of all of our pupils – including a custom playlist for each group based on their taste in music! A really great experience for everyone involved – we hope to be cheering with them again in the near future.

Kirsty Allnutt (Performing Arts Vocational Specialist)

Education Health and Care Plan Seminar

Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) are replacing Statements of SEN as the pathway to educational support. All children and young people with Statements and those who are seeking to be assessed or to receive one, will need to have an EHCP assessment in the next three years.

We are holding a fantastic seminar in London on Monday 29 June from 10.00 until 14.00 at St Albans Centre, Leigh Place, Baldwins Gardens, Holborn, London EC1N 7AB which will help you understand the process and give you lots of ideas as to how to get the best EHCP possible for your child or young person. More information about the seminar is on our website:

<http://action.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/page/s/education-health-and-care-plans>

The seminar is FREE to attend for TreeHouse parents and includes lunch! Booking is essential as places are going fast - please email us now at: training@ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk for your free place.

Belinda Blank (Information and Family Support Manager)

Dates for your diary

25 - 29 May		School Closed (Half-Term Holiday)
1 June		Term starts. School open to pupils from 9.00
10 June	9.45 - 12.00	Wendy Bellis, Dentist, in school
10 June	10.30 - 13.00	Parents KS5 (Years 12 to 14) Parent Talk
	13.00 - 14.00	Parents KS5 Lunch
	14.00 - 15.15	KS5 Sports Day
12 June	10.30 - 13.00	Parents KS1-3 (Years 2 to 9) Parent Talk
	13.00 - 14.00	Parents KS1-3 Lunch
	14.00 - 15.15	KS1-3 Sports Day
17 - 19 June		Lee Valley Residential Trip - Year 11
29 June	10.00 - 14.00	Information and Family Support Service - Education Health and Care Plans Seminar, London EC1N 7AB
30 June	10.30 - 13.00	Parents KS4 (Years 10 to 11) Parent Talk
	13.00 - 14.00	Parents KS4 Lunch
	14.00 - 15.15	KS4 Sports Day
8 July	9.45 - 12.00	Wendy Bellis, Dentist, in school
15 July	14.00 - 16.00	TreeHouse School Art Exhibition
17 July at 12.00		Graduation and Lunch for Year 14 pupils
3 -28 August		School Closed (Summer Holiday)
31 August		School Closed (Bank Holiday)
1 September		School Closed (INSET Day)
2 September		Term starts. School open to pupils from 9.00



Staff Updates

Welcome to...

- Fazna Iqbal, Trainee ABA Tutor
- Hayley Moore, Occupational Therapist
- Katherine O'Donnell, Behaviour Analyst

Welcome back to...

- Brinda Chumun, Senior ABA Tutor
- Maria Dabrowska, ABA Tutor
- Vinny Shah, Senior ABA Tutor

Congratulations to..

- Janet Whiley, Head of Learning Support
- Jessica Aviles, Senior Behaviour Analyst
- Rachel Ennis, Senior Behaviour Analyst
- Laura Hewitt, Play Specialist
- Abigel Siklaki, Supervisor Trainer

Goodbye to..

- Felicity Weale, ABA Supervisor



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